

2001 Consumer Confidence Report



PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY ANNEX (former FORT ORD) WATER SYSTEM*

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hablo con alguien que lo entiende bien.

** The District will apply to change the name of the system to the Ord Community Water System.*

Water Quality

The Presidio of Monterey Annex water system, also known as the former Fort Ord water system, was transferred to the Marina Coast Water District (District) via an economic development conveyance on October 26, 2001. As the new owner, we are pleased to present to you the 2001 Consumer Confidence Report and to assure you that your water meets all Federal and State drinking water standards. This report contains detailed information about the quality of the water delivered to you in the past year. We encourage you to read it and save it for future reference.

If you have any questions or comments about your water, please call Evelina A. Adlawan at 384-6131. You can also visit our website at: www.mcwd.org

Water Sources

The former Fort Ord water system uses water supply wells #29, #30 and #31 to draw groundwater from the lower 180-foot and 400-foot aquifers of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. Groundwater is disinfected before delivery to consumers. Aquifers closest to the ground surface are not used to supply drinking water at the former Fort Ord.

FORMER FORT ORD SOURCE WATER MAP



Water Quality Chemist Thomas Barkhurst and Technical Services Manager Evelina Adlawan test water samples on a regular basis.

Source Assessment

Drinking Water Source Assessments are conducted to determine how vulnerable drinking water sources are to contamination. An assessment of the groundwater sources will be completed in the fall of 2002. We will inform you of the results and where and when the report will be available.

Water Quality Testing

Water quality testing of the former Fort Ord water system conforms to stringent Federal and State requirements. Tables 1 and 2 list all of the drinking water contaminants detected in 2001 or during the most recent sampling. Those that were detected were well within the drinking water standards. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The California Department of Health Services requires us to monitor some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to change from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

The former Fort Ord water meets all Federal and State drinking water standards and is of good quality.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Department of Health Services require that all water suppliers provide their customers the following information about drinking water.

Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791.

A Note to the Immuno-compromised

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791.

Water Safety

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to the DHS regulations. The DHS' Food and Drug Branch regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick-up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.



MCWD Distribution Operator Richard Green replaces fire hydrant.

Dear Neighbors on the former Fort Ord,



For the year 2001, we present our Consumer Confidence Report to you with the assurance that your drinking water meets the highest state and federal health and safety requirements.

This report contains detailed information about your water supply that we hope you find educational and useful. If you should have any questions about this information or about your water, please contact us.

Our District board of directors and staff remain completely committed to providing you with excellent water quality and superb customer services. Thank you for your continued efforts to conserve our water supplies.

—Mike Armstrong, General Manager



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Board meetings are open to the public and held the fourth Wednesday of every month at the District office, 11 Reservation Road (Marina State Beach) at 7 p.m. Agendas are posted in the following places at least 72 hours before each meeting: Marina Coast Water District, Marina City Hall, Marina Library and the Marina Post Office.